



UB Highlights

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News & Events for September 1-15, 2013

Opening Events Continue

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Wednesday, September 4

11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Fones School of Dental Hygiene, Student Welcome and Second-Year Recognition, duPont Tower Room

Thursday, September 5

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Poster and Print Sale, Pedestrian Mall (Student Center Social Room, if rain)

Friday, September 6

- 5-7 p.m., CPIA Graduate Student Meeting, Wahlstrom 500A
- **Through Sunday, September 8**, College of Chiropractic National Board Exams, Carlson Rooms 152, 153, 252, 253

Thursday, September 12

- 9 a.m., School of Education, Educational Leadership Meeting, for Administration and Doctoral Programs, Carlson Room 103
- 4 p.m., Fall Activity Fair for students, with over 45 clubs and organizations represented, Pedestrian Mall (Student Center Social Room, if rain)

Staff Welcome Back

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m.

President Neil Salonen will welcome back all University staff members with a presentation in the duPont Tower Room. He will report on the state of the University and our prospects for the 2013-14 academic year. As usual, he will respond to questions.



Lift Your Voice!

Wednesdays, Sept. 4 & 11, 6 p.m.

Join the University Singers at their opening rehearsals, held in Bernhard Center Room 110. All students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members are welcome. For more information, call 203-576-4407 or email singers@bridgeport.edu.



Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

September 1-15, 2013



Men's Soccer

Sept. 12 (Thurs.), 7 p.m., Bloomfield @ Knights Field (UB Tournament)

Sept. 14 (Sat.), 7 p.m., Wilmington (Del.) @ Knights Field (UB tournament)

Women's Soccer

Sept. 11 (Weds.), 6 p.m., Southern New Hampshire @ Knights Field

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 2

No Classes, Administrative Offices Closed

Faculty Appointments

Engineering

Professor **Navarun Gupta** has been appointed Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department in the School of Engineering. Professor **Larry Hmurcik** has served in that position for the past 12 years.



Fones School of Dental Hygiene

The following have received new appointments:

Laura Greco, RDH, MEd, associate professor, is now Director of Clinical Education

Marie Paulis, RDH, MSDH, clinical assistant professor, is now assistant professor and Second Year Clinical Supervisor

Sandra Stramoski, RDH, MSDH, clinical associate professor, is now assistant professor

Gretchen Cianciola, RDH, MEd, and **Pamela Kennedy**, RDH, MBA, adjunct professors, are now clinical assistant professors

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Purple Knights Women's Volleyball has earned its second straight American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. The team held a 3.70 GPA for the 2012-13 academic year.

109 Purple Knights earned spots on the East Coast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll for the 2012-13 academic year, surpassing the 3.25 GPA required for student-athletes to be so recognized.

EDUCATION

David Chura, M.S. '87, has published *I Don't Wish Nobody to Have a Life Like Mine: Tales of Kids in Adult Lockup*, telling stories of some of the young people he taught in jails over a decade. The Beacon Press book received the 2010 PASS Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and was described as "riveting" by the New York Times.

More Good News

Professors **Joanna Badara** and **Nelson Ngoh** in the School of Education, **Buket Barkana** and **Navarun Gupta** in the School of Engineering, and **Maria Gherasimova** in the School of Arts & Sciences have been awarded a \$192,347 National Science Foundation grant to develop a project, "Planning for a Teacher Fellowship/Master Teacher Fellowship Program to Serve High-Need Schools in Urban Southwestern Connecticut." The grant will be applied in a year-long effort beginning January 2014 to recruit and train teachers with the aim of increasing student performance and interest in the physical sciences.

"This NSF grant will help us develop a combined program to produce effective science teachers who teach physical science in Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford public schools," said Professor Badara, the principal investigator. "In turn," she said, "this will have a huge impact on STEM education in the area, placing UB as its leader."

FACULTY & STAFF

ENGINEERING

Prabir Patra, associate professor and chair of biomedical engineering, and associate professor of mechanical engineering, in addition to his many other activities, has joined the Editorial Board of *JSM Biotechnology & Biomedical Engineering*, and the Editorial Board of *ISRN Nanomaterials*. In addition, along with colleagues at Rice University, the Air Force Research Laboratory of Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and Cochin University (India) and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, he has published findings on "Covalently Interconnected Three Dimensional Graphene Oxide Solids" in the prestigious journal *ACS Nano*.

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, and **Irv Ojalvo**, former chair of the mechanical engineering department, were contacted by OSHA to investigate the electrocution of a New Jersey homeowner. The man, an electrician, had arranged to wire his home with industrial 3-phase electricity in addition to the normal home's single-phase power. The wiring was complicated, and the electrocution was apparently caused when the homeowner became confused in wiring a hot water heater and the heavy-duty electricity crossed over into the normal voltage house wiring.

NUTRITION INSTITUTE

David Brady, vice provost for health sciences and director of the Nutrition Institute, served as conference chair and presenter at the 2013 Glacier Fest Nutritional Medicine Scientific Symposium, held in Whitefish, MT, August 1-3. His presentation was "Global Pain and Fatigue: Fibromyalgia, a Pain Disorder of the Central Nervous System – Diagnosis & Treatment." He also was a plenary speaker and panelist at the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine's "Gut-Brain-Autoimmunity" conference August 16-17, in Los Angeles.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.